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The announcement by President Thomsen of the Alumni Association that the executive committee of the organization had selected the first executive secretary, made just as the last number of The Alumni Magazine went to press, brought confidence to everyone connected with the movement to reorganize the Oberlin graduate body into a capable, functioning society. The association had been an organization on paper since June. Some had even begun to fear that plans over which committees had worked hard for two years were doomed to failure. Suddenly, by the president's announcement, doubt was turned to confidence. The association was no longer merely a proposal in writing.

A Big Event in Alumni History

It is the opinion of those who know William S. Ament best that the alumni council is very fortunate in securing his services to guide the association through its trying early days. The constitution outlines the activities of the association, but it remains for the secretary to give the plan life, to inspire the alumni scattered throughout the country with the importance of organizing for Oberlin, to build up a body of alumni sentiment that shall make for a greater college.

Elsewhere in this issue of the magazine others tell of the past activities of Mr. Ament, as an undergraduate and as an alumnus. Mr. Ament himself tells of his conception of the task he undertakes and what he hopes for in the new Alumni Association. The Alumni Magazine, which is to pass into the control of the association and be conducted after this year by the new secretary, welcomes Mr. Ament to his important office. It offers him the most cordial coöperation between now and the end of the college year in getting the work of the secretaryship organized.

Such concord of approval among the alumni as has greeted the announcement of the secretary's election and acceptance augurs well for the new association. With the organization functioning in all its activities next year the alumni of Oberlin are at the threshold of a new era of usefulness to themselves and to their college.

The fact that Secretary Ament will be at Oberlin in June to assume active direction of the association ought to assure an unusual attendance of out-of-town alumni. Two years ago re-organization was proposed and tentatively approved. Last year the constitution was adopted. This year the association begins to function.

The Alumni Secretary's Own Page

Conducted by William S. Ament

The Unum Necessarium

Oberlin College is a remarkable institution. Run, it is said, by old fogies and advanced radicals, theologians and atheists, impractical idealists and wrong headed people in general, it is, and always has been, on the brink of ruin.

The alumni of Oberlin College are a remarkable body. To each one of them has been confided by an all-wise Creator the exclusive knowledge of the Unum Necessarium for the salvation of their Alma Mater.

To Joel B. Hayden, '09, it was confided that the one thing necessary is a mechanically perfect Alumni Secretary. Fired with the vision he has put before us, the alumni have impatiently awaited the incarnation of this paragon. But since no living creature (except Joel himself) measures up to the perfection of this ideal, he and the Association are doomed to disappointment.

It is with an overwhelming sense of human limitations, therefore, that the new alumni secretary takes up his duties.

Having proved the impossibility of Mr. Hayden's panacea, your secretary thereupon set to work to investigate the other patent medicines proffered to the dying patient. The result of his research is that Oberlin needs to return in all details to the college of President Finney's day, to expel all radical members of the faculty, to refuse admittance to all students who prefer dancing to debate, to have fifteen millions for expansion, to drop all members of the faculty appointed before 1910, to secure a new president and administrative officers, to be run by the alumni who are less than five years out of college, to have the Binet-Simon tests applied to all subscribers of the Alumni Magazine, and finally, to have all this pharmacopoeia administered by the new secretary.

As this seems a rather large order, your secretary, although unblinded, hereby asserts his inalienable right as

an alumnus to suggest his Unum Necessarium.

In the face of the perennial dispute as to what should be done to save the dying patient, is it a matter of supererogation to point out that as far as can be seen from the distance of three thousand miles, the patient is very much alive and has a remarkable amount of vitality? To your secretary, at least, Oberlin appears to be the best of those well equipped colleges, which, while the state and other universities are being swamped by the flood of sheer numbers, can give truly adequate training to the few who are destined to be leaders in the spiritual, educational and professional world.

If this is the case, is not the Unum Necessarium the friendly coöperation of all of us in this great enterprise? Is it not time to stop casting reflections on the motives, intelligence, and modernity of those who happen to differ from us; to put aside the two-edged weapons of sarcasm, irony, and retort direct; to realize that in all essential aims we are one and that our differences of opinion, vocabulary, and manners simply add variety to a unity that otherwise might be drab; and to see in the least promising of us the same faulty, yet aspiring, humanity which we find in ourselves?

The Unum Necessarium is a renewed spirit of loyalty and a new willingness to coöperate with those who differ from us as to the means of attaining the common aim—the greater Oberlin.

The First Step

Before the Alumni Association can be of use to itself or to Oberlin, it must be something more than a name. Before it can serve its members, it must have members to serve. Before it can have power to lift the college to new levels of achievement, it must accumulate the power of numbers.

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Mr. Ament is a Man of Many Activities

By Heaton Pennington, '10

The installation of an alumni secretary residing in Oberlin, feeling from day to day the pulsing life of the college itself, and from time to time meeting the alumni individually and in groups over the country, is perhaps a recognition of the fact that in the absence of such a personal tie between the college and the alumni, something of value to both is lost.

William S. Ament '10, has been chosen executive secretary of the Alumni Association. Having in mind that the purposes of an alumni secretary would best be accomplished by a member of one of the more recently graduated classes, Mark L. Thom-

sen '98, and the others associated with him have chosen wisely. Mr. Ament is of Oberlin lineage. His grandfather, Winfield Scott Ament, was a pioneer of Owosso, Mich.; Charles Penfield, his mother's father, was professor of Latin in Oberlin College; his father, Rev. William Scott Ament, D.D., of the class of 1873, was a missionary to China under the American board; his mother, Mary Penfield Ament, is of the class of 1875.

William S. Ament was born in Medina, O., on July 25, 1887. One year later he

traveled with his parents to China, returning to Owosso, Mich., in 1897. In 1901 he entered Oberlin Academy, then a large and flourishing department, completing his preparatory work in 1906. During these preparatory years he entered with sur-

prising energy and versatility into the scholastic and other activities of the college community. The Academy debate team, of which he was a member, secured a unanimous decision over Rayen high school of Youngstown, a school still rated as one of the best preparatory institutions in the state. He won his letter repeatedly on the baseball and football teams, and participated in



William S. Ament, '10

other miscellaneous student activities.

Entering the college in 1906, Mr. Ament stood seventh in the "first ten" freshman honor students. He was elected captain of the freshman football team in that year, a team of remarkable power, containing as it did, such players as Glen Gray, Chester and George Pendleton and others who later became members of championship and all-Ohio teams. As a sophomore and junior, Mr. Ament performed excellently on the varsity, football and basket-

ball teams. He was a member of Phi Kappa Pi literary society, and in his junior year was editor of the Hi-O-Hi, an honor of the first class, requiring as it does, executive, organizing and business ability, and knowledge of and respect of the student body and the faculty. The 1910 Hi-O-Hi was a distinct success.

In 1909-10-11 Mr. Ament acted as director of athletics in the academy; he was instructor in English at Oberlin col-

N. Y. worked in Butte, Mont., and spent one summer in Italy with Dr. Wagar, after having worked his way to Italy as a steward for the steerage passengers.

An alumni secretary is not a new idea in colleges. I am informed that in some colleges the work performed by the alumni secretary is second in value only to that of the president. All alumni secretaries undoubtedly have much in common, but colleges, like individuals, have different histories, different purposes and different problems. Oberlin, with its long and distinguished history, founded by a small group of men because they wished to put into practice certain ideals which they believed to be fundamentally right in the life of any state, has its own peculiar problems today.

When the class of 1910 entered the college in the fall of 1906, we were informed with enthusiasm by returning students that the rule requiring attendance at church had been abolished, and I believe also that some modification was now in effect in the rules relating to social calling at the boarding houses. As newcomers, we of course failed to appreciate the significance of this mild departure from the elaborate system of rules which from the beginning had governed the daily life of the students. These changes and relaxations in the college rules which went on during our time, and which have continued at an accelerated rate to the present moment, were of course only a part of that great liberal movement in society at large, a movement much accelerated by the war. The conflict between the old order of conduct in student life and the new, has been acute in Oberlin. A direct and constant interchange of ideas between the student body and faculty, and the alumni, cannot fail to give strength and wisdom in the onward life of both, and to aid in the solution of those problems which have been so numerous and pressing.

"Bill" Ament, as he is known to his classmates and associates of college days, is essentially a product of Oberlin. By having lived so many years in the

PRESIDENT KING SAYS:

I congratulate most sincerely the alumni and the Alumni Association on the election of William S. Ament, '10, to be first executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

The executive committee of the association seems to me to have made an admirable choice, and one that will mean very much to all the interests of the college. Mr. Ament combines in rare degree the qualifications needed for his important office, and I welcome him most heartily to fellowship in all those agencies through which the growth of the college is to be insured in the years just ahead.

lege in 1910, 1911 and 1912, and held the same position in Pomona college from 1912 to 1915. He continued his literary studies at Harvard and received the degree of M. A. in 1916. In 1917 he took work at Columbia university, returning from there to become assistant professor of English in Pomona college, a position he has occupied until the present time.

In 1916 Mr. Ament married Miss Eleanor Hill, a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, class of 1915. They have two sons, William Sterling and Richard Penfield Ament.

To the foregoing catalogue of student activities may be added that during summer vacations in college, Mr. Ament played in the orchestra at Chautauqua,

town and by home training, he is familiar with the ideals, purposes and history of the college. He had then, as now, a keen interest in its welfare. His personal popularity with his class and contemporaries in college, the large

PRESIDENT THOMSEN, '98,
SAYS:

Secretary Ament is so highly recommended for his all-round ability and good judgment that we all feel like congratulating ourselves on securing him for the position.

The position of secretary of the alumni association in some of our colleges has become second in importance only to that of the president of the college. It is in my judgment a wonderful opportunity to keep in touch with the alumni as they spread over the country and develop their point of view from actual experience in life and in turn interpret that to the college and the student body. I know of no work along educational lines that can be of greater and more far-reaching influence, particularly at this time when the very life of the teaching profession in general and particularly in colleges, depends upon proper support from the alumni.

number of the alumni with whom he has personal acquaintance and his talent as a "mixer," all make his selection as alumni secretary a happy one. I am sure that the class of '1910 as a whole is honored in the appointment.

IMPROVES FOUNTAIN PEN

Prof. J. C. McCullough of the chemistry department, has developed a method for improving fountain pen points for one of the large pen companies. Mr. McCullough states that at present he is not able to disclose further information in regard to the invention.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

William G. Sharp of Elyria, former American ambassador to France, after reading Professor G. Frederick Wright's article in the Alumni Magazine last month, wrote the following letter of appreciation:

Prof. G. Frederick Wright,
Oberlin, O.

My Dear Mr. Wright:—Just these few lines to tell you how much I have enjoyed reading your most interesting contribution to the pages of the April number of the Oberlin Alumni Magazine. Certainly there are few, if any, who are in a position to give such testimony from personal experience, of the character of early Oberlin as you.

I want particularly to congratulate you upon the position which you have so unqualifiedly taken in pointing out the dangers of the elective system of study now so universally in vogue in our high schools and colleges. As the father of five children, all of whom are in either high schools or colleges, I have felt, for a long time past, exactly as you do about this question. I wish all of the leading educators in these institutions throughout the country might ponder over the criticisms which you have so clearly and admirably expressed upon the dangers which may grow out of the present method of allowing necessarily immature and inexperienced minds to choose, to such a considerable extent, their own course of studies.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

WM. G. SHARP.

LECTURES AT COLUMBIA

On February 24 Prof. H. A. Miller lectured at Columbia university on "The Paradox of Americanization"; March 11 at the Central avenue Temple forum, Cleveland, on "Sinning by Groups"; March 31, forum of Euclid avenue Congregational church, Cleveland, on "The Substitute for Revolution"; April 10, North church forum, "A Reply to Henry Ford's Propaganda Against the Jews."

Alumni Constitution Brought Down to Date

Changes Vote at the Meeting at Oberlin Last June

In view of the fact that the Oberlin Alumni Association will soon begin to function in all its details, hastened by the election of an executive secretary, it may be worth while recalling the changes that were voted in the constitution of the association at the meeting on alumni day, last June, at Oberlin.

It will be noted that there were very few changes voted. If the constitution as printed in the June issue of the Alumni Magazine is altered in accordance with the following corrections, the machinery by which the association functions will be up-to-date:

Article V, Sec. 2. Insert "also" so as to read: "Active and associate members may become life members also."

Article V, Sec. 4. "There shall be no annual dues for life or sustaining members."

Article VI. Insert "Second Vice-President" so as to read "the officers of the association shall be: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President."

Article VIII, Sec. 1, c. Insert "graduated and" so as to read: "One councilor elected from the membership of each graduated and graduating class. . . ."

Article VIII, Sec. 1, d. Change "fifty (50)" to "twenty-five (25)" so as to read: "One Councilor to be duly elected from each registered local or district alumni association having a membership of not less than twenty-five (25) members. . . ."

Article VIII, Sec. 1, g. Strike out "At least five (5) of the councilors-at-large shall be alumnae of the college."

Article VIII, Sec. 7. Change "association" to "council" so as to read: "The two members of the executive committee elected by the alumni council shall be elected at the annual meeting of the council."

Article IX, Sec. 2. Change "May" to "June" so as to read: "Branches of the association shall elect their councilors

during the college year, but before the first day of June in any such year. . . ."

Article X, Sec. 1. Change "shall" to "may" so as to read: "The association may assume"—

Article XI, Sec. 1. Change "shall" to "may" so as to read: "The association may take over the business." Change "of" to "and." Insert "mutually" before "satisfactory" and omit "to such corporations" so as to read "require the executive committee to secure the assets and business of said corporation upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually satisfactory."

Article XI, Sec. 2. Change "the editor-in-chief" to "the managing editor of the Alumni Magazine shall be appointed by the executive committee of the association."

Article XII, Sec. 1. Change "may promote" to "may cooperate in promoting" so as to read: "The executive committee shall be also the finance committee of the association and may cooperate in promoting."

Sec. 2. Change "shall" to "may" so as to read: "The association may take over the Oberlin College Living Endowment Union."

Article XV. Strike out all after phrase "by the majority of the members of the association present."

Article XVI. Change "three (3) members" to "five (5) members" to read "a nominating committee shall be appointed by the chairman of such meeting, consisting of five (5) members." Omit sentence, "The officers of the association and councilors at large shall be elected from the list of candidates presented by the nominating committee."

After the ratification of the constitution at the June meeting the nominating committee made their report and the following officers were elected to conduct the business of the association as provided by the temporary organization under Article XIII.

President—Mark L. Thomsen, '98.
First Vice President—Albert W. Stauh,
'04.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Laura
Shurtleff Price, '93.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Helen W.
Martin, '85.

Treasurer—Howard L. Rawdon, '04.

Ten Councilors-at-Large—Cleveland R.

Cross, '03; J. B. Hayden, '09; H. J.
Haskell, '96; G. H. Patterson, '05; R.
E. Brown, '01; Miss Katharine Wright,
'98; Mrs. Mary Plumb Millikan, '93;
Mrs. Esther C. Andrews, '12; Mrs. Ag-
nes Warner Mastick, '92; Miss Mary R.
Cochran, '03.

HELEN W. MARTIN, '85,

Recording Secretary.

The Builders of Oberlin in Stone

IV. Charles V. Spear

To one delving into the history of men and women who have left their names imperishable in the annals of Oberlin it is surprising to find how many of them are not graduates or even former students of the college. Men who have given their names to college buildings, who have contributed largely to the physical equipment of the institution have in many instances owed their interest and loyalty to something else than personal contact with Oberlin.

Such was the case with Rev. Charles Vinal Spear, who gave to the college the building on the campus known to the present student generation as Spear laboratory, but which by generations preceding is remembered as housing the college library. It is decreed that Spear laboratory must be moved from the campus within the next few years, but the fame of the Western Massachusetts school master who financed the structure is fixed in Oberlin history.

Charles Vinal Spear was born March 13, 1825, in East Randolph, now Holbrook, twenty-five miles from Plymouth Rock. He went to Amherst college and was graduated with high honors in 1846. His ambition was to be a leader in the active ministry and, although he studied theology while engaged in teaching and

was ordained in 1852, he soon found that his greatest usefulness lay in the field of Christian teaching. He served one pas-



Charles V. Spear

torate for three years and then abandoned the pulpit for the school room.

In 1857 Mr. Spear became owner and principal of Maplewood Institute at Pittsfield, Mass., remaining as such until 1883. Here he spent the most fruitful period of his life. In 1851 he had married Relief L. Holbrook, and during all of the years of his labor at the institute she was his faithful co-worker.

On account of the death of Mrs. Spear and Mr. Spear's own failing health the

[Editor's Note: This is the fourth of a series of sketches designed to renew the acquaintance of readers of the Alumni Magazine with some of the men whose names are connected with Oberlin history through college buildings made possible by their generosity. The fifth Builder of Oberlin in Stone will be sketched in the next issue.]

work of Maplewood Institute was brought to a close in 1883. The school was discontinued. At the time when Maplewood was closing Oberlin was celebrating her fiftieth anniversary. Her alumni were devising plans for deepening and broadening the work of the college. In this movement Mr. Spear became deeply interested, for it seemed to him that this Ohio college embodied very largely the same educational ideals which he had taught at Pittsfield through twenty-six years of unabated effort.

Accordingly, in due time, the property of Maplewood was sold and from the proceeds was erected Spear library on the Oberlin campus. An additional fund bearing the name of his wife was set apart as an endowment for a book fund.

Between the beginning and the completion of the plan for the library Mr. Spear spent a year in leisurely travel in Europe, accompanied by the late Professor A. A. Wright, '65. Soon after his return he settled at Oberlin and made himself an active influence in the community for the few years that remained to him. In 1887 he married Mrs. Mary B. Ring of Collamer, O., whose daughter, Alice B. Ring, was graduated from the college in 1890. Mr. Spear died while traveling, at Constantinople, May 10, 1891.

Mrs. Spear has survived her husband these thirty years and now lives at Pomona, Cal.

MANAGES INDUSTRIAL BUREAU

Martin H. Dodge, '15, was appointed manager of the industrial bureau of the New York Merchants' Association at the beginning of April. During the three years following graduation from Oberlin he took a course in economics and government in Columbia University, receiving his doctor's degree in 1918. While at Columbia he was awarded a Richard Watson Gilder Fellowship.

At the conclusion of this course Mr. Dodge became assistant manager of The Merchants' Association Industrial Bureau under Mr. Smith and upon Mr. Smith's resignation he became acting manager.

During his connection with the bureau he has taken a prominent part in a variety of activities, the first being to assist in the organization of thirty-five committees of manufacturers to cooperate with the War Resources Board during the war.

He participated in the reorganization and activities of the Employers' Council for Soldier Reemployment which included eighty-two local employers' associations working in cooperation with the Reemployment Committee of New York City for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. He organized and directed a survey made by the Merchants' Association through his bureau of the Newton Creek Industrial district.

Recently Mr. Dodge has been active in organizing the New York City Council on Immigrant Education, of which he has served as executive secretary. The council includes 200 local agencies concerned with immigration and education.

WILL TOUR EUROPE

Prof. W. K. Breckenridge of the Conservatory of Music, has accepted the offer of Bennett's Travel Bureau of New York to act as conductor and lecturer for a tour of Europe this summer. Mrs. Howard Huckins will be the social head of the party and will chaperon any college girls who may go, and Robert Adams is business manager. The group expects to sail about June 25 and to return the last of August. The party is being organized to study Europe from the college point of view, but is not limited to college men and women.

SAIL FOR EUROPE

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison left in March for Havre, France. They will be in Paris most of their stay in Europe, but will probably make a number of side trips from there. They will return home the latter part of August.

During Professor Morrison's absence an executive committee with Professor Kimball as chairman, will attend to the director's duties in the conservatory.

Oberlin Maintains Standards of Scholarship

Some Facts Sent Out by the College Secretary's Office

The following questions and answers of 135 additional students—fortunately of interest to the alumni were sent out by the college secretary in March:

1. Does Oberlin admit high school graduates who are not adequately prepared?

2. Does Oberlin allow so many students to enter the college that the classes are seriously over-crowded?

3. Does Oberlin pay sufficient salaries to retain the services of its successful teachers and to secure new teachers of proper experience and training?

The answers to these questions as given in the following paragraphs will be of interest both to the alumni of the college and also to the officers of high schools who are called upon to aid students in their choice of colleges.

1. Oberlin does not accept poorly prepared students. "Lowest third" students are excluded. A student who does not take rank either in the highest third or the middle third of the high school class in which he graduated is probably not able to carry satisfactorily the work of the freshman year in Oberlin, and his application for admission is rejected. An exception is occasionally made in favor of a student who can present a strong letter from the principal of his high school recommending the acceptance of the student for a trial semester with a limited schedule. A very large number of those dismissed from other colleges because of failure in scholarship are undoubtedly from the "lowest third" group. Oberlin's classes are not slowed down by the presence of these students of inferior scholarship.

2. Oberlin's classes are not over-crowded. The attendance of students is limited to the number that can be cared for effectively and honestly. For the College of Arts and Sciences this limit is in round numbers, 1,000, but for the present year the college has gone beyond this number for the accommodation

of 135 additional students—fortunately without deterioration of quality of instruction furnished. For the Conservatory of Music the limit is 400 students.

In 1915-16 Oberlin had one teacher for each *fifteen* students; in 1920-21 the ratio was even better, being one teacher for each *thirteen* students. These figures are for *all* departments.

During the first semester of 1920-21 the students in the College of Arts and Sciences were taught in 266 classes or sections and the average was 25 students per section. More than half of the classes and sections numbered 20 students or less, and more than half of the remaining classes enrolled less than 30. Of the classes conducted upon the recitation plan, or upon the lecture and recitation plan, with considerable emphasis upon recitations, there were 17 with from 31 to 36 students in them and only five of larger size. These five classes ranged from 36 to 47. The registration in them was larger than ought to be permitted in classes of this character. All of the other classes of larger size were conducted upon the lecture basis, the work of the students being tested by weekly written quizzes.

3. Oberlin pays living wages to its teachers. The trustees of Oberlin have increased the salaries of members of the teaching force to correspond to the increase in the cost of living. In 1915-16 the average salary paid to Oberlin's 99 teachers was \$1,745; the number of teachers at the present time is 122, and the average annual salary paid to them is \$3,320. Because of this increase in salaries Oberlin has not suffered from the withdrawal of teachers because of insufficient salaries, and the new appointments that have been made during the last two years have been of men and women able to meet the higher standards as to preparation and experience that the college now holds.

Plans for Class Reunions

The class of 1861. There are fourteen surviving members of the class of 1861, but probably only two or three will be able to attend the commencement exercises. Members of the class are asked to communicate with Mrs. Henry E. Brown, 31 Carpenter Court, Oberlin, O.

The class of 1871. The fiftieth anniversary. Plans for the class of 1871 are being made by Mr. T. G. Newton of Cleveland and Mr. D. J. Nye of Elyria. Details have not yet been reported to the College Secretary. Members planning to be present are asked to write to Mrs. A. T. Reed, 83 South Cedar avenue, Oberlin.

The class of 1881. The fortieth anniversary. Mr. J. H. Bellows writes that on account of the general unsettled conditions in the business world he doubts whether the present year is an oppor-

Charles H. Kirshner is the chairman of the committee on participation in the Alumni Parade. Members of the class are asked to write to Miss Mason at once, that she may make reservations for board and room accommodations. Miss Mason's address is Care of "Ohio Farmer," Cleveland, Ohio.

The class of 1891. The thirtieth anniversary. Mr. G. B. Siddall is in general charge of arrangements. Mrs. Alice Jones Emery, Mrs. Carrie Memuott Lawrence, and Mrs. Gertrude Stanley Wilder are the local committee on arrangements. The class headquarters will be at Mrs. B. N. Pope's, 163 East College street. The class will occupy Noble Cottage adjoining Mrs. Pope's as the special headquarters. The Tuesday afternoon reunion will be at Mrs. Emery's. There is great enthusiasm among the members of the class for the reunion and a very large attendance is expected. Members of the class should write to Mrs. Emery, 268 Forest street, Oberlin, concerning accommodations and class plans.

NOTICE, '96

Every member of the class of '96 will this month receive a copy of this Magazine. It is desired that every member with his or her family attend the twenty-fifth class reunion during commencement, June 17-22. Please write Professor W. T. Upton at Oberlin at once, advising him what accommodations you desire. Let us make the reunion as successful as we can—that means for everybody ever associated with '96 to be in Oberlin during the days of June 17-22.

FRED P. LOOMIS.

tune time to attempt a reunion, but hopes at a later date to arrange for another reunion of the class.

The class of 1886. The thirty-fifth anniversary. The class will have its headquarters at the home of Mrs. Nellie Smith, 160 East College street. The general plans for the reunion are in charge of Miss Harriet Mason. Mr.

The class of 1896. The twenty-fifth anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Upton, 221 Forest street, Oberlin, will reserve rooms and meals for all members of the class who notify them to do so. The meals will be served at the Faculty club and a special class dinner will be served there Tuesday night. Rooms will be secured in the vicinity as far as possible. Members of the class should write to Mrs. Upton. Mr. F. P. Loomis, Omaha, Neb., is president of the class. Dr. William B. Chamberlin, Osborn Building, Cleveland, has charge of the class participation in the Alumni Night parade.

The class of 1901. The twentieth anniversary. Headquarters for the class will be at Grey Gables, 163 West College street, with Mrs. A. F. Haggerty. Additional rooms are being secured at neighboring houses, but it is expected that all will be able to take their meals

at headquarters. Replies already in hand from members of the class show that a large percentage will return for the reunion. Following are the committee chairmen: Mr. O. A. Lindquist, 211 Forest street, Oberlin, headquarters and entertainment; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Woodruff, 175 Merriman Road, Akron, Ohio, Alumni Parade; Mr. E. B. Rich, 43 Exchange Place, New York City, class distinctions; Mr. R. E. Brown, Waterbury, Conn., music; Mr. E. F. Adams, Milford, Conn., class president. All requests for reservations during commencement week should be addressed to Mr. O. A. Lindquist, headquarters chairman.

The class of 1906. The fifteenth anniversary. Arrangements are now being made for class headquarters, to be announced later. Members of the class should write to Miss Helen F. Cochran, Oberlin, with reference to accommodations for room and board. Mr. R. H. Long, 43 Cedar Street, New York City, is president of the class and Mr. W. S. Cochran, Care Cleveland Twist Drill company, Cleveland, is in general charge of the reunion. A large attendance is expected.

The class of 1911. The tenth anniversary. The class headquarters will be at Churchill Cottage, 119 West College Street. Those desiring accommodations at the house should write to Mr. Carl Nicol, Oberlin. The arrangements for the illumination parade are in the hands of Mr. Arthur Baker, 541 Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park, Ill., and he will appreciate suggestions from members of the class. Arrangements are being made for class breakfasts, suppers, and so forth. The reunion promises to be one of the very best.

The class of 1916. The fifth anniversary. The class headquarters will be at Wright Inn, 100 Elm street. Women may obtain board and room there. Men may obtain board at headquarters. Reservations should be made at once. Address all inquiries to E. F. Bosworth, 78 South Professor Street, Oberlin.

The class of 1918. The third anniversary.

Plans for class headquarters will be announced later. John L. Davis, the president of the class, is in charge of arrangements. His address is 79 Oxford Street, Cambridge, Mass.

The class of 1919. The second anniversary. Plans are being formulated to make this anniversary one which will always be remembered. Miss Helen M. Alford, 2467 Collingwood Avenue, Toledo, O., is in charge of the reunion plans, and will be pleased to communicate with any members of the class regarding arrangements. The class has secured Lord Cottage for class headquarters. Class members are urged to make every effort to plan to attend the reunion. Honorary members and ex-members are especially invited to be present.

The class of 1920. The first anniversary. E. P. Millikan, 151-155th Street, Harvey, Ill., is president of the class and in general charge of arrangements. The class headquarters will be announced later. A large attendance is expected. Members of the class planning to be back should write to Mr. Millikan at the above address.

ROOM AND BOARD

Accommodations for rooms can be secured at from 75 cents to \$1.50 per day for each person, and for meals at from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per day. At the class headquarters the usual charge for room and board is \$3.00 per day. The committee on entertainment will assist in securing accommodations.

The college will again conduct a restaurant service in the Men's Building beginning Saturday, June 18, at noon, and continuing through Wednesday, June 22.

ACCEPTS POSITION.

Prof. E. L. Baker, assistant professor in the Romance Language department, has accepted a position as head of the Romance Language department at Kenyon college, Gambier, O., for the coming year.

The Success and Failure of Prohibition

By Wayne B. Wheeldr, '96, in Current Opinion

National prohibition is not a hundred per cent success as some over-enthusiastic drys declare, nor is it a dismal failure as the wets proclaim. Prohibition is a growth rather than a status fixed by legislative enactment. This was true in the states; it is true to even a greater extent in the nation. It is enlightening to face the facts squarely both as to the weakness and strength of this new policy of government.

The saloon as an institution to encourage drinking of intoxicants is outlawed forever in the United States. Not even wet advocates, pleading for a beer and wine amendment, suggest its re-establishment. National constitutional prohibition has successfully made the prohibition issue one of "law and order." It was difficult to secure, but it is as difficult to repeal. A majority of one branch of the legislature in thirteen states can prevent its repeal. The dry forces control both branches of the legislature in over thirty states under state prohibition. The advantage of this situation is manifest.

The power of the organized liquor traffic as a national menace, corrupting the policies of the nation, is broken. The official investigation by the United States Senate Judiciary committee revealed it as a disloyal, corrupt, boycotting, press-subsidizing, tax evading and vicious organization. The conclusions or findings are published in a public document. This force had dominated the politics of the nation for years. It will never again be able to exert its deadly influence in American politics. The first definite evidence of its diminishing influence was seen in the election of the Sixty-seventh Congress. The liquor interests endeavored to defeat every candidate for congress who voted for the Volstead act. Two hundred and twenty members on record for this act were reelected. A large number of others with similar views were elected for the first time. The wets will not be

able to muster one hundred and forty-five votes on a roll call for a beer and wine amendment.

The decisions of the courts, sustaining the Eighteenth Amendment and the Federal Prohibition Code, are reassuring that the policy is legal as well as right. Never was there such a determined and unetbical court attack made upon any law as upon national prohibition.

This effort to influence the court failed, but it was not the fault of the anti-prohibitinosts. A great nation has demonstrated under prohibition that it is not dependent on the revenue derived from liquor for the running expenses of government.

The church and every agency for human uplift have been relieved of much of the wreckage caused by liquor heretofore left on its doorstep for care. This is constructive philanthropy.

The growing tendency of the press, freed from the subsidizing influence of liquor organizations, is to tell the facts about prohibition and confound its enemies.

The decreased arrests for drunkenness and its allied evils are convincing. Drunkenness in former wet territory has decreased 60%; for all offenses about 40%.

Jails, alcoholic wards in hospitals, inebriate asylums and workhouses are gradually closing their doors or are abandoning a large part of their institutions for lack of inmates. The State Farm in Massachusetts decreased its population 44% this year. Arrests for truancy, delinquency and neglected children are declining rapidly. The Boston Police Department reported a decrease for delinquency of 1,063 in 1920, or 29%.

Deaths from suicide, alcoholism and accident have decreased about 60%. Applications for admision to insane asylums have diminished so rapidly that an expert recently declared that, if there was no other beneficial result, this alone

would justify the effort and expense to secure prohibition. The necessities and some of the comforts of life are being supplied in multiplied thousands of homes heretofore in need. The home is baving a chance to show its superiority as a substitute for the saloon.

The United States, by conserving the waste caused by liquor, is the best prepared financially of all the nations in the world to meet the difficult reconstruction problems following the world war. Derelict public officials, schooled in corruption under saloon domination and still permitting a wave of crime in some places, are being uncovered and driven into a half-hearted action for law enforcement. The people in former wet centers, long the victims of misrule, are waking up to the fact that the government belongs to them, and not to scheming politicians and corrupt political organizations. The present unrest in these places, under the guidance of a clearer and more sober judgment, is gradually resulting in human betterment. These disturbing features are but the evidence of growing pains caused by progress.

The records of banks show an increase in savings deposits, which is largely attributed to prohibition. Real estate values have greatly increased. It is evidence of the thrift and prosperity of the people under prohibition. Former distilleries and breweries are being converted into useful industries employing a large number of men. Tramps are going to work and becoming instruments of production because there are no longer free lunches and the saloon stove. Slowly and surely every constructive agency in the government is being encouraged, and those influences that tear down and destroy health, happiness and prosperity are being discouraged or eliminated.

The failure of prohibition is local, and does not apply to the policy as a whole. No intelligent person expected prohibition to work uniformly and successfully at once in all parts of the country. The failure of prohibition is its non-enforcement in certain places. It is caused by hostile or unorganized

local sentiment, or by corrupt or indifferent public officials. The nation could not wait until every locality had a favorable local public sentiment before the prohibition law was enacted.

The weak spots in the prohibition law and its enforcement will be strengtbened by its friends, and not its enemies. If the organized force that secured prohibition should disintegrate, the whole prohibition structure would be in jeopardy. Reapportionment of congress comes before the next election, and the anti-liquor forces must be on guard. The work ahead is difficult. It is the constructive task that follows the destructive work in every successful reform. It can and will be done. The success of prohibition is increasing, permanent, and eventually it is confidently prophesied, will be universal.

RESERVE INCREASES TUITION

Tuition fees in all schools connected with Western Reserve university have been increased by the trustees.

The increase will add about \$50,000 annually to the income of the university. With the increases the students in all branches except the medical college will be paying about one-third of the cost of their education. Those in the medical college will be paying about one-fifth.

At Adelbert college, the College for Women, the law school and the graduate school tuition charges will be increased from \$175 to \$200; school of applied sciences and school of pharmacy, from \$150 to \$175; library school, from \$100 to \$125; school of medicine, from \$200 to \$250; dental school, from \$225 to \$250.

Robert M. Hutchins, ex-'20, a senior at Yale, and son of President Hutchins of Berea college, was awarded, on January 4, the DeForest gold medal, which is valued at \$100. The medal is "awarded to the scholar in the senior class who shall write and pronounce an English oration in the best manner," and the money for it was given in 1823 by David C. DeForest.

THE SECRETARY'S OWN PAGE

(Continued from page 170)

The fee of the association is nominal. It gives one a right to share the benefits of the organization, its communications, its files of information about alumni, its meetings, its corporate life. It offers one the opportunity to coöperate in the growth of the college, to contribute criticisms and suggestions through practical channels, to give new life to the old institution.

It would be only fair to the newly formed association to begin the new era with a one hundred per cent membership. Such a full membership would be in itself the best promise of the greater Oberlin.

The Second Step

Granted a one hundred per cent membership of alumni who, although representing every conceivable point of view, are ready to work together for the good of Oberlin, what shall be their practical program to be carried out by the executive secretary?

This is too big a question to answer off hand. I prefer first to study the problems on the ground, and to learn the methods used by other alumni secretaries. Then I want to learn the opinions of every variety of alumni on the subject. Finally, at the alumni meeting on Tuesday of Commencement week, I shall be ready to propose a tentative program. The proposition will then be open for criticism and suggestion. Only after every point of view is expressed will the final policy for the year be formulated.

Therefore I propose as the double topic for discussion at the alumni meeting:

1. What can the Alumni Association do for the Alumni?
2. What can the Alumni Association do for Oberlin College? It is your meeting. What can you contribute to a friendly and wise solution to these questions?

Meanwhile the important thing is to increase the membership of the association and to inaugurate an era of good fellowship. Will you help?

THE SHANSI GIFT

Mr. Bohn has recently received a letter from Mr. H. H. K'ung, '06, principal of the Oberlin Shansi Memorial School, expressing a most grateful appreciation of the money which has been sent by the Oberlin students and faculty for famine relief. He says: "This money will be spent under the supervision of Oberlin's sons here in Shansi and you may be sure that every penny will be efficiently used. I should say that no less than 1500 lives will be saved by the amounts which have already been received from you."

Mr. K'ung is serving on the International Famine Relief Commission in Peking. In his letter he lays considerable emphasis upon the splendid way in which this quick and sensitive response to China's needs is affecting public sentiment in China.

OBERLIN COLONY AT BEREA, KY.

Oberlin has a thriving colony at Berea, Ky., most of its members being connected with Berea college. William G. Frost, '76, is president emeritus of the college. Mrs. Frost was Miss Ellen Marsh, former student in Oberlin college. President William J. Hutchins was formerly a member of the Oberlin faculty.

W. G. Burroughs, '09, is professor of geology and biology in Berea college. Dr. Robert H. Cowley, '96, is health officer and college physician. Mrs. Cowley was Miss Anna Parry, '97. Dr. Harlan Dudley, '97, is assistant college physician. Mrs. Dudley was Miss Lulu M. Porter, a former student in the conservatory. Noah C. Hirschy, '97, is professor of Romance languages in the college. J. W. Raine, '93, is professor of English language and literature and a college preacher. Professor C. Rexford Raymond, '95, is dean of religious education and college preacher. Mrs. Raymond was Miss Estella R. Landon, former student in the conservatory. Miss Ellen R. Raymond, '97, is donation secretary.

Other members of the Berea-Oberlin colony are: Ivanore B. Barnes, assistant

registrar, Professor David C. Churchill of the physics department, Lawrence Cole, instructor in the academy, Robert Dial, teacher in the Foundation school, Miss Fay B. Fessenden, assistant to the secretary, Irma Former, in the music department, Mrs. B. W. Hart, whose husband is in the industrial department, Katherine S. Hayden, in the English literature department, Marie Johns, in the academy domestic science department, Helen C. Paulison, secretary to the president, Ralph Rigby, director of the music department, Mrs. Sherwood, in the Foundation school, Mrs. J. F. Smith, whose husband is a professor in the academy, Miss Helen Tuttle, in the music department. Mrs. Eloise Partidge Dean, '90, is a resident of Berea and a member of the colony.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

The member of '03 asked to contribute to the March magazine symposium on college needs was late with his suggestion. Here it is:

"From the ideal standpoint Oberlin

needs most to hold fast to her time-honored policy of training the heart as well as the head, thus contributing to the world's great need of a vitalized religion.

"From the material standpoint Oberlin needs most a technical school through which heart-trained and mind-trained men may contribute to an industrial leadership that will emphasize fair gain by fair play."

A movement to raise a \$3,000,000 endowment fund in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the University of Virginia, was launched early in March. The solicitation of subscriptions will continue until May 31, which marks the opening of the university's centennial celebration. Woodrow Wilson is a member of the national committee, which has been organized to assist in raising the fund. Since the university was founded by Thomas Jefferson, the institution has turned out 22,000 men, of whom 10,000 are now engaged in the world's work, according to Dr. Alderman.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912. REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

State of Ohio } ss.
County of Lorain }

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Carl C. W. Nicol, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the manager of the Oberlin Alumni Magazine, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, to-wit:

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3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of the total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: — None.

CARL C. W. NICOL, Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of April, 1921.

H. W. CARGILL, Notary Public.

[SEAL]

My commission expires August 10, 1922.

The Month in Athletics

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

On the afternoon and evening of Saturday, March twenty-sixth, the department of Physical Education for men staged an athletic carnival in Warner gymnasium, portraying some of the activities of the gymnasium during the winter season.

The afternoon program included the annual indoor interclass track meet, an athletic dance, a game of giant volleyball, exercises on the parallel bars and a game of basketball between the champions of the boarding house and rooming house basketball leagues.

The evening program included wrestling bout, two boxing bouts, an athletic dance, vaulting and diving exercises on the vaulting box, games of volleyball and "medicine ball soccer," exercises on the high horizontal bar and a basketball game between the Sophomores and Freshmen to settle the tie for the interclass championship.

Over two hundred men took part in the demonstration. The proceeds, amounting to about one hundred and twenty-five dollars, were added to the fund for the construction of tennis courts at the athletic field. Three of these courts are now under construction and should be ready for use before May first.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1921

- October 1—Wittenberg at Oberlin.
- October 8—Ohio State at Columbus.
- October 15—Mount Union at Alliance.
- October 22—Hiram at Oberlin.
- October 29—Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware.
- November 5—Wooster at Oberlin.
- November 12—Case at Cleveland.
- November 19—Western Reserve at Oberlin.

This is an extremely hard schedule, including last season's Western Conference champions and the two teams which tied for the Ohio championship. Mount Union and Ohio Wesleyan are also expected to be very strong next fall.

The football men who will be lost by graduation this spring are Metcalf, tackle; Lansdale, guard; Newson, end; Loy, sub-end; Harsh, sub-fullback; and Anderson, sub-guard. This year's freshman team will furnish a number of very promising line candidates. A short session of spring football practice is being held during April, in order to give the coaches an opportunity to look over the new material.

NEW OBERLIN FELLOWSHIP

The Grasselli Chemical Co. of Cleveland has granted Oberlin college a research fellowship in graduate chemistry for the year 1921-22, according to word just received by Prof. H. N. Holmes, head of the chemistry department. Marion H. Veazey, '21, has been appointed to the fellowship and will continue his work during the ensuing year. The amount of the grant is understood to be \$500.

Professor Holmes says "the college may consider itself very fortunate in being placed on such an honor list, as only a few of these fellowships have ever been granted by the Grasselli Co."

COLLEGE RECEIVES BEQUEST

Edmund Cogswell Converse, a New York capitalist, who died in Pasadena, Cal., April 5, has left a bequest of \$50,000 to Oberlin college, according to his will as made public in New York on April 12.

Public bequests amounting to approximately \$2,000,000 were contained in the will, \$450,000 of which is to go in \$50,000 bequests to nine colleges—Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Leland Stanford, Sr., Oberlin, Smith, Trinity, Tuskegee, Wells and Williams.

No word has yet been received by the college authorities here as to the nature of the bequest, or the purpose for which it is intended.

NEWS OF THE ALUMNI

THE CLASS OF '67.

The Rev. R. T. Cross of Twinsburg, O., sends in the following news item of the male members of the class of '67:

The class of 1867 was a hardy set of boys. They were tough, but not in a bad sense. Ten of the twenty became ministers or missionaries. Twelve were in the civil war. Eleven of the twenty men of the class are still living and are not exactly "rusting out." The youngest is 74, the eldest 86, and the average is now about 77½.

Dr. Eugene Boise of Grand Rapids, is 74½. He has recently written several acceptable papers on medical subjects. He has retired from active practice and calls himself a "free lance," with no pun on lance.

Rev. J. N. Brown, 77, is doing manual work on his new home in Demorest, Ga., caring for an invalid wife, and having charge of chapel and vesper services in Piedmont college, in which also he has been teaching philosophy. He has not missed a preaching appointment in the fifty years of his ministry, nor had a day in which he could not work.

Rev. R. T. Cross, 76½, is pastor emeritus at Twinsburg, O. On Easter Sunday he assisted the regular pastor by giving the right hand to forty of the 100 new members received that day. Since going to Twinsburg in 1912 he has published two large genealogical books, and this spring is publishing a book on his experiences in the Rocky Mountains (*My Mountains*, \$2.50, illustrated). It is his sixth book, perhaps not his last.

Rev. John G. Fraser, 74½, after more than fifty years of hard work as a leader among the Congregational churches of Ohio has, during this last winter, been managing their statistical reports for the year book from a Florida tourist resort. He was advised to

avoid violent exercise, and hence has not fished from the pier!

Peter H. Kaiser, 80½, is still practicing law in Cleveland, O., chiefly in his office, not much in the court room. He is fond of outdoor life and reads many valuable new books evenings on theological and other subjects.

Dr. Wallace Taylor, 86, after forty years as a medical missionary in Japan, while waiting at Oberlin for the last call, has lately published the Haverfield Genealogy of 300 pages, and the Thomas Taylor Genealogy of 200 pages. The hard work of genealogical research seems to be a pleasant old-age recreation for some persons. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor are in their "usual health."

Prof. J. P. Stephenson, 76, is still bard at work. He preached twelve years and has since been a professor thirty-four years in Des Moines college, Iowa, where he puts in eight hours a day and where he has been dean and acting president and where he is now registrar and professor of philosophy.

Prof. James E. Todd, 75, is still bard at work on geological and theological problems. His book on the glacial deposit of Kansas will soon be published. He is working on the history of the Missouri River in North and South Dakota, and is reading many books on the Second Advent and Higher Criticism. He is a professor in the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

Rev. J. H. Langille, 80, is in good health and keeps busy at Kensington, Md., with his fruit farm and in writing books. Two books recently written await lower publication prices.

Frederick J. McWade, 74, our youngest member, was for many years general baggage agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad. By rule of the road he retired at 70. He is kept comfortably busy by certain interests and by association with public affairs and public men in the Union League Club.

Rev. Cassius E. Wright, '75, after preaching twenty-five years at Austin, Minn., resigned on account of voice failure and then spent twenty years in the United States census department at Washington, D. C. Under the Civil Service act he retired a year and a half ago and is now residing at Ashtabula, O., where, in good health, he is busy in caring for his house and grounds, as church clerk and treasurer, as administrator of an estate, etc. In Washington he spent two or three years on the census of religious bodies.

THE CLASS OF '75

Interesting statistics have been compiled concerning the class of '75, which celebrated its 45th anniversary last June. It is shown that 58 per cent of the members of the class are still living; 53 per cent of the men and 67 per cent of the women. Up to 1917, a period of forty-two years from graduation, 83 per cent of the women of the class were living. Three additional members have died within the past three years.

The class included Dr. Dudley P. Allen, in whose memory the Art Museum was built; Miss Calista Andrews, who gave her home on Elm street to Oberlin college; Dr. Florence C. Baier of Minneapolis, educator and physician; Dwight Bradley, who was adviser to the King of Siam; Professor William B. Chamberlain of the theological seminary; Judge David Flett of Kenosha, Wis.; President Thomas McClelland of Knox college; Professor John Peck of Oberlin academy; Harlan Roberts, a prominent member of the Minneapolis bar; John R. Rogers, the inventor, who is a trustee of Oberlin college, Berea college, and the American Missionary association; Dr. Charles J. Ryder, for many years senior secretary of the American Missionary association; President W. S. Scarborough of Wilberforce university; Merritt Starr of the Chicago bar; Henry Stone, who was speaker of the house of representatives in the state of Iowa; George Thompson, who was a prominent member of the Kansas City bar; and S. G. Wood, who has been for many years a journalist in Chicago.

ALUMNI PERSONALS

'70—At the annual meeting of the Woman's Inter-church Missionary Union, held in Buffalo, N. Y., in April, Mrs. Frank S. Fitch was made honorary president. The Inter-church Union, composed of women from all denominations in Buffalo and vicinity, was an outgrowth of the Woman's Missionary Jubilee, held throughout the country about ten years ago. The meeting for the organization of this Inter-church Union was in the First Congregational church, Mrs. Fitch presiding.

'75—John Fisher Peck has purchased a home at 5311 Lexington avenue, Los Angeles, Cal., and will move in soon. At present, mail may be addressed to him at 750 South Hill street.

'77—Archibald Hadden, D.D., on February 20, completed twenty-eight years as pastor of the First Congregational church, Muskegon, Mich. He has been elected pastor emeritus and he and Mrs. Hadden will continue to live in Muskegon. Their daughter, Helen Grace, was married February 28 to Nathan J. Harkness and their home is to be at 169 Peck street, Muskegon. Dr. Hadden is chairman of the trustees of Hackley hospital and continues to serve also as chairman of the City Commission.

'78, t. '81—Wesley Maier Stover, D.D., returned to the United States last summer after thirty-eight years as a missionary of the American Board in Angola, West Africa. He and Mrs. Stover and their daughter Helen are making their home in Claremont, Cal. Dr. Stover has been in feeble health and seriously threatened with blindness, but he finds the climate of California quite favorable, and his eyesight and general health have made steady improvement.

'78, t. '81—William Cullen Wilcox and Mrs. Wilcox are making their home in Los Angeles. He has recently built a bungalow, doing a large part of the work himself. His address is 1110 Esperanza street.

'82—Paul D. Cravath was elected president of the Italy-American Society of New York to succeed Charles E. Hughes when the latter went to Wash-

ington to become secretary of state.

'87—Paul Howland, former congressman, was elected first vice-president of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce in April.

'90—The Character Education Institution, of which Milton Fairchild is chairman (Washington, D. C.), is receiving \$1,000 a month, \$12,000 a year, from a wealthy business man, who refuses to allow his name to be made public. The institution has state superintendents and commissioners of education as directors, and is for collaboration among the leading educators of all the states in the solution of the problems of character education in public schools. The \$20,000 research for the best method of character education in public schools closed on Washington's Birthday, twenty-seven states contributing plans prepared by state collaborators. President William J. Hutchins of Berea, won \$5,000 award for the best children's code of morals, which has become very popular in schools and been translated into several languages. A morality book for schools will be printed and the methods plans will be distributed for study by superintendents and boards of education. Mr. Fairchild wants to form in Washington a special Oberlin Club to welcome younger alumni and assist them in getting what they want out of Washington.

'82—Aaron H. Currier has resigned as director of the music department of the University of Montana and is at present growing oranges and grapefruit at Sutberland, Fla. His address is R. F. D. Sutherland.

'96—Samuel P. Orth was seriously injured when his automobile skidded and went through a bridge at Ithaca, N. Y., April 4. Mr. Orth is professor of government and public law at Cornell.

'96—Mr. and Mrs. Will Horner are back in Paris again after traveling in Italy. While at Florence they met Miss Elma Pratt, O. C. '12, who is a Christian Science healer there. They also saw the Wagers, who were living in a pension just around the corner from where the recent rioting took place.

'97—Florence M. Fitch, former dean of women at Oberlin, recently received a request from one of our state universities for 100 copies of her pamphlet, "Social Standards." Last year the dean of Columbia university asked for a copy for each member of a class of thirty-five. Among the letters Miss Fitch has received informing her of the value of this pamphlet there came one from the Woman's College in Kobe, Japan, telling of its usefulness in that country. "Social Standards" gathered up the results of a questionnaire which as dean Miss Fitch sent a few years ago to all women's colleges and co-educational institutions in the country.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The manager wishes to remind subscribers that in all probability the Alumni Magazine will be taken over by the Alumni association after the July issue. It is therefore important that all subscriptions be paid through the current year so that the business may be closed and books balanced by July 1, 1921. Your key number should be 18-1, which indicates that you are paid to vol. 18, No. 1, or until Oct. 1, 1921. If it is not you are in debt to the magazine. The key number is found after your name on the wrapper. Your prompt action will be exceedingly appreciated.

Ex-'99—John E. Evans of Ebensburg, Pa., was appointed judge of Cambria county by Governor Sproul during the fall of 1920. At the recent term of the liquor license court he refused 178 applications, this being the entire number presented.

'06—Roy D. Carpenter, prosecuting attorney of Jefferson county, O., 1917-1920, is at present associated with Carl B. Macmasters in the general practice of law, with offices at 904-905 Sinclair Building, Steubenville, O.

'06—Franklin P. Schaffer announces the removal of his offices for the general practice of law to 261 Broadway, New York City.

'07—Wesley Frost, according to announcement authorized by the state department late in March, has been detached from his duties as foreign trade adviser of that department and assigned as American consul at Marseilles, France. Mr. Frost came into prominence during the war while serving as American consul to Queenstown, Ireland. It was while serving there that he sent to the state department his now famous reports on the sinking of the Lusitania.

'10, A.M.—Miss Edith Eastwood Metcalf, who was in the Oberlin College class of 1909 in the sophomore and junior years and graduated at Wellesley in 1909, and took an A.M. degree at Oberlin in 1910, has recently returned from nearly a year with the Red Cross in Albania. She was loaned by the Red Cross to the Albanian government for help in organizing and supervising elementary schools in Tirana, the capital, and Durazzo, a port on the Adriatic sea.

During the World war Miss Metcalf was with the Red Cross in Paris and in charge of home communication service in Base Hospital No. 9 at Chateauroux, France; and after the armistice she was for six months directress of native workers in Jerusalem and other cities in Palestine.

'10—Clarence Young is pastor of Congregational churches at Laingsburg and Victor, Mich.

'10—The Gilchrist-Potter Prize Fund, founded in December, 1912, by bequest of Mrs. Ella J. Gilchrist-Potter of Alpena, Mich., has been awarded to Dorothy Fairchild for the year 1921-22. The sum of \$300 is available for use by the holder of the fellowship.

'11—Fred Blachly is the author of an interesting treatise on state finances. "Figures in the mass," says the Oklahoma City Oklahoman, "are deadily interesting for the great majority, but there is such a complete lack of knowledge of the machinery by and through

which the state functions that it is a pleasure to get hold of something that a layman can really make heads and tails to in connection with the state's business. Such a treatise is 'The Financial System of the State of Oklahoma,' by F. F. Blachly, a state university bulletin of municipal research. Blachly spent months in assisting the department heads in the making of the state budget before going to work on his analysis of the state's finances. The author has compiled and rewritten in direct, simple manner every item of income and expenditure."

'11—The Johnston Fellowship, founded by the L. L. S. Association, has been awarded Helen Martin for the year 1921-22. The sum of \$500 is available for use by the holder of the fellowship.

'13—Barbara Hilberg is teaching at Elyria, O.

'14—Blanche Stevens is teaching French and Latin in the Painesville (O.) high school.

'14—Gertrude Ingalls is teaching in Salt Lake City, Utah.

'14—Marguerite Hall is teaching at Waite high school, Toledo.

'15, '16—Mr. and Mrs. George Woodruff are living in their new home at 452 Oakland drive, Akron, O.

'16—Reginald Bell has accepted a position as a Y. M. C. A. student secretary for North and South Dakota and Minnesota, with headquarters in Minneapolis, according to an announcement received from the International Committee on Young Men's Christian Associations.

'16—Mildred Lanphere is teaching at Waterville, Wash.

'16—Esther Schultz is taking a secretarial course at the Eastman-Gaines business school, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Her address is 152 Montgomery street.

'16—Mildred Cummings is teaching history in the high school at Painesville, O. She is to study at Columbia university during the summer and will live at the Parnassus Club, 612-614 West 115th street.

'17—Chester A. Graham, in charge of Y. M. C. A. Americanization work at Akron, O., spoke before the Oberlin college

Y. M. C. A. in March, telling something of his work.

'19—Elizabeth Dial was the first woman ever enrolled as a freshman in the Western Reserve medical school.

'19—Helen Murray is teaching in the Madison (O.) high school.

'20—Katherine Hageman has been awarded a fellowship in the philosophy department at the University of Chicago for the year 1921-22.

'20—Philip Rea is instructor in mathematics in Marietta college, Marietta, O.

Ex-Con.—Miss Sybil Swick, a student in the Conservatory during the year 1917-18 and at present engaged in concert work, is making an enviable reputation for herself according to press reports of her concerts. Miss Swick has a contralto voice, which she uses in a finished manner. The Niagara Falls (N. Y.) Gazette of March 5 has this to say of a concert which Miss Swick gave, with Miss Ruth Helen Davis, soprano: "The recital given by Miss Sybil Swick, contralto, and Miss Ruth Davis, soprano, last night at the First Congregational church was one of the most enjoyable musical events of the season."

Ex-Col.—In an article entitled "Can Germany Pay?" in the Literary Digest Raymond Swing, son of Emeritus Professor Swing, a former Oberlin college student, now German correspondent for the New York Herald, is quoted as calling "attention to the very low level of life among the German workers. They have nothing better to look forward to, although they are industrious, and it might even be that the reparations sum decided on in Paris can be paid to the Entente out of the difference represented in cash between the pre-war standard of life and the present one of German

workers." "The vast majority of German workers not only cannot buy as much food as in peace times. They can hardly buy clothing," and "hundreds of thousands of German children have no shoes; millions sleep on beds without sheets."

MARRIAGES

'11—Lucy Weston to Carl Scheuring at Mayfield, O., on January 1. Mr. Scheuring is a merchant at Mayfield and Mrs. Scheuring is principal of the high school there.

'16—Gertrude Delia Norton and Joel Williams Higham on March 26 at Byron, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Higham will be at home after the first of May at 114 Huntington street, Rome, N. Y.

'17-'18—Mary Ziegler, '18, to Harry Roemer McPhee, '17, at Lansdown, Pa., April 5. Mark Kalbfleish, '16, was best man and Laura Zeigler Russell, '15, was matron of honor. They are living in Cleveland, where Mr. McPhee will continue his medical course at Western Reserve. Mrs. McPhee will continue teaching at Central high school, Cleveland.

BIRTHS

'12—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Page Miller on April 11 at Crookston, Minn., a son, Charles Bradford Miller.

To Professor and Mrs. Davis Edwards, a daughter, Carolyn Davis Edwards, on April 2, 1921. Mrs. Edwards is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Huntley of Cedar avenue, and a graduate of Oberlin college of the class of 1920.

Ex-'14-'15—To Clifton F. Houts and Elda Kimmel Houts on February 22 at St. Louis, Mo. (4017 Lafayette avenue), a daughter, Martba Jane.

Alumni Deaths of the Month

PROFESSOR G. FREDERICK WRIGHT, '59

As the Magazine goes to press news comes of the death at Oberlin on April 20 of Professor G. Frederick Wright, for years a member of the faculty and famous as a scientist and bible student.

An account of the life and work of Dr. Wright will appear in the next number of the Magazine.

HARRIET C. MILNER, '67

Mrs. Milner was born in East Berkshire, Vt., February 29, 1844. After at-

tending the public schools in East Berkshire she took a preparatory course in Franklin academy at Franklin, Vt., and then came to Oberlin for her college course. This was supplemented by post-graduate work in pedagogy at the New York State School at Oswego, N. Y. Mrs. Milner taught for a time in the Cleveland public schools and was later principal of the Missouri normal school at Kirksville, Mo. For several years she served as principal of Drury college at Springfield, Mo., where she married Mr. Milner and where with her husband she made her home for about fifteen years before going to Long Beach.

Mrs. Milner was active as a club woman and was an artist of ability. In addition to her husband and an adopted daughter she leaves two brothers, Hon. A. G. Comings of Oberlin, and Hon. W. R. Comings of Honolulu, and two sisters, Mrs. Clara C. Leonard of Long Beach, and Mrs. J. H. Pitkin of Chicago.

EVA A. BEEBE LEE, '80

Eva A. Beebe was born in Columbia Center, Lorain county, O., July 30, 1849. At the age of 17 she accompanied her family to Lakeside, O., where most of the remainder of her life was spent. She taught school near Lakeside in her girlhood, and while so engaged met Frank G. Lee, a young Oberlin student of the class of 1876. Later she herself attended Oberlin college, living with her sister, Mrs. Mary B. North, the manager of a rooming house in College Place. Miss Beebe graduated from Oberlin with the class of 1880 and on the fifth of October of the same year she was married to Mr. Lee. To this union one daughter, Sherley Esther, was born.

Mrs. Lee's life was crowded with some duties, but she maintained an alert mind and an eager spirit of sacrificial service. Her love for Oberlin never wavered and to the last she was interested in its every plan for future progress.

On March 31, 1921, she died after a brief illness. Her daughter, Sherley Esther Lee, '12, survives her, Mr. Lee having died in 1915.

In her quiet life was incarnated the best of what we love to call the "Oberlin spirit."

CARL HESKETT, '14

Carl Heskett died suddenly of pneumonia at his home in Toronto, Canada, on March 16. The burial took place in Youngstown.

Majoring in political science Mr. Heskett later went into business and at the time of his death was with the Aluminum Company of America, representing them in Toronto.

Mrs. Heskett was formerly Esther Baldwin. She was also an alumna, graduating in 1915.

GERALDINE HILDISH GRESHAM, '17

Mrs. Geraldine H. Gresham, wife of H. Lindley Gresham, construction engineer of Cleveland, and a daughter-in-law of Harry E. Gresham, British vice-consul in Cleveland, died at Lakewood hospital, Cleveland, March 14. Death was due to pneumonia, following the birth of an infant son eight weeks before. Mrs. Gresham was graduated from Heidelberg in 1915 and received her master's degree in physical education from Oberlin in 1917. She taught in the schools of Cleveland until her marriage to Mr. Gresham in 1918.

HARRIET HALL

Miss Harriet Hall, a former student in college, died February 18 at Hudson, O., after a sickness extending over a period of five months. Miss Hall entered the college in 1879 and from 1882 to 1884 she was a student in the conservatory of music. For twenty-five years she was a teacher of vocal music in St. Paul. The last few years she had resided in Cleveland.

FRANKLIN S. WENK

Mr. Franklin S. Wenk, father of Marguerite Wenk, 1910, now Mrs. Frances W. Curtis of Denver, Colo., Mamie Wenk, '11, now Mrs. Joseph Bendt of Johnstown, Pa., and Favorite Wenk, '12, now Mrs. Albert M. Shelton of Minneapolis, Minn., died at his home 1446 St. Clair avenue, Detroit, Mich., on March 1 of heart failure.



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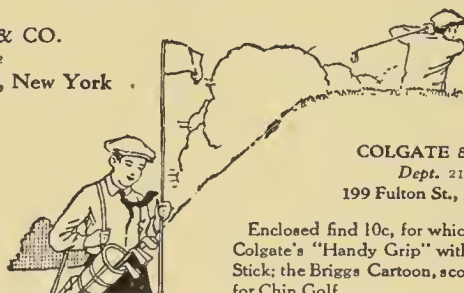
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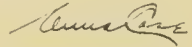
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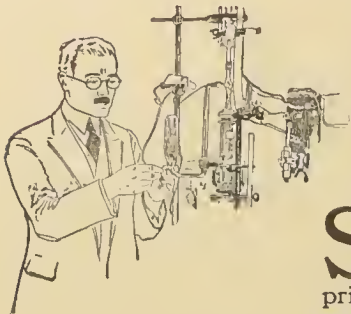
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